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To: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents
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Subject: **Correction to Memorandum on Qualifying Scores for Dual Enrollment**

In a memorandum dated September 5, 2006, I sent you the scores that students would need to achieve on either the ACT PLAN or the College Board PSAT tests in order to qualify for dual enrollment under Public Act 594 of 2004. Unfortunately, one of the sections of the table for the PLAN assessment was mislabeled. While the scores themselves are correct, there is no "writing" section in the PLAN assessment; it should have been labeled "English." A corrected set of tables is shown below.

PLAN Assessment

Content Area	Minimum Passing Scores
Mathematics	18
Reading	17
Science	19
English	21

PSAT Assessment

PSAT Test Section	Content Area	Minimum Passing Scores
Critical Reading	Reading	44
Writing Skills	Writing	49
Math	Mathematics	45

In addition, several individuals have contacted the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability with questions. OEAA has compiled the attached list of questions received thus far. As additional questions are received, these will be added to this list and the updated list will be posted at the MME website: www.michigan.gov/mme.

Please feel free to contact Ed Roeber at (517) 373-0739 or via e-mail at roebere@michigan.gov if you or your staff have any questions about the use of the PLAN or PSAT for dual enrollment.

cc: Assessment Coordinators

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Questions and Answers About Dual Enrollment Testing Policies

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1. Do students have to take both the PLAN and the PSAT?

No. Students need to take only one of these tests.

2. Can students take both tests to see if they can pass either one?

Yes. Students can, if they wish to, take both exams, and if they pass either one, they are qualified for dual enrollment.

3. The ACT PLAN score reports do not list a "Writing" score, but do list an "English" score. Are these the same?

Yes. The table shown in the September 5, 2006 Jeremy Hughes memorandum should list the content areas of Mathematics, Reading, Science, and *English*. The qualifying score for "Writing" is the correct one for "*English*."

4. Do students need to have taken the PLAN or PSAT this (2006-2007) school year in order to qualify for dual enrollment?

No. If students took either of these tests last year (2005-2006) and scored at or above the scores contained in the September 5, 2006 memorandum from Jeremy Hughes, they are qualified for dual enrollment.

5. Can school districts develop or use other assessments than PLAN and PSAT?

No. Public Act 594 of 2004 indicates that only college entrance readiness tests aligned with Michigan's standards can be used for dual enrollment qualification. The state is determining whether some community college and university placement tests might be used in the future. However, at the current time, only PLAN and PSAT can be used.

6. What should school districts do about the area of social studies, where no PLAN or PSAT score is available?

For areas for which no PLAN or PSAT data exist, school districts should use available data such as MEAP Social Studies test data, local school district test data or course grades. In the areas where no PLAN or PSAT data exist, local districts need to set local criteria for student eligibility.

7. If a student qualified for dual enrollment last year, using the MEAP, and this year took either the PLAN or PSAT but did not pass the area(s) in which they qualified last year, can they lose their eligibility to dual enroll?

No. Once students have qualified, they cannot lose their eligibility.

8. When can the MME be used for eligibility for dual enrollment?

When students take the Michigan Merit Examination in the spring of their junior year, the MME will become the measure used for dual enrollment eligibility determination. Students who score at levels 1 or 2 (Exceeded the Standard or Met the Standard) will be eligible for dual enrollment.